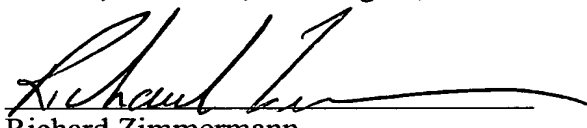


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Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the application, please amend the application as follows.

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At page 29, line 30, after "HCV1-341:5'-UTR₃₄₁" please insert --(SEQ ID NO: 1, the nucleotide positions 1-341).

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